

THE FACTS OF UNDERAGE DRINKING

Law enforcement officers can file charges against any driver under 21 who has a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of at least .02% but less than .08%. If convicted of operating a motor vehicle after underage consumption (OVI):

- You can face a 60-day and not more than two-year license suspension.
- No less than four (4) points will be assessed to your driving record.
- A remedial driving course will be completed before your driver's license will be released. The remedial driving course is required to devote a number of hours to instruction in the area of alcohol and drugs in the operation of a motor vehicle.

USING A FAKE ID

A person under the age of 21 who presents a false, fictitious, or altered ID or driver's license when purchasing beer or liquor will receive the following penalties:

- First Offense—Mandatory fine of \$250-\$1,000 and jail time up to six months.
- Second Offense—Mandatory fine of \$500-\$1,000 and jail time up to six months and possible license suspension of up to 80 days.

POSSESSION

No minor shall be in possession or control of any beer or intoxicating liquor unless in the presence of his parent or legal guardian. ORC 4301.634

PURCHASING

No minor shall purchase intoxicating liquor or beer. ORC 4301.69

FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO A MINOR

No person shall sell, buy for, or furnish intoxicating liquor or beer. ORC 4301.69

PERMITTING VIOLATIONS OF ALCOHOL LAWS BY MINORS

No parent or legal guardian shall knowingly permit violations of the provisions listed above. ORC 4301.69

ALLOWING MINORS TO DRINK AT YOUR HOUSE

No owner or occupant of any property located within the City shall knowingly allow any minor to remain on such property while consuming intoxicating liquor or beer, unless it is given by parent/guardian, and that parent/guardian is present at the time of possession and consumption. ORC 4301.69

MINOR ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN CONNECTION WITH HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

No person shall engage accommodations at a hotel, motel, inn, campground or other hostelry under circumstances in which he/she knows or has reason to know that intoxicating liquor, Beer, or drugs of abuse will be used by minors on the premises. The only defense of this section in which alcohol is involved is if the person who engaged such accommodations is the parent/guardian of ALL such minors. ORC 4301.69

STATE LAW ON DRINKING AGE

For purpose of alcohol consumption, a minor is defined as anyone under 21 years of age.

WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW:

You cannot give alcohol to your children's friends under 21 years of age under any circumstances, even in your own home, even with their parents' permission.

CURFEW AND WRONGFUL INFLUENCE...

Curfew—Curfew for minors (under the age of 18) is 12:00 midnight to 4:30 a.m. Mere presence of an adult is no defense to a violation of the law. Accompaniment of a minor out after hours must be by parent or guardian or one vested with parental authority by law. GC 531.02
Driving—No minor 16 years of age shall operate a motor vehicle between the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. and no minor 17 to 18 years of age shall operate a motor vehicle between the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. in the state of Ohio. ORC 4507.071

PERMITTING A MINOR TO VIOLATE THE CURFEW LAW

Parents/guardians who allow or permit minors to violate the curfew law may be charged with neglect.

IF YOU BREAK THE LAW

Others can sue you if you give alcohol to anyone under 21 and they, in turn, hurt someone or damage property.

LIABILITY OF PARENTS FOR DESTRUCTIVE ACTS OR THEFT BY THEIR CHILDREN

Parents/guardians may be liable for the destructive act or acts of theft by their children in an amount of up to \$10,000.

WRONGFUL INFLUENCE

Any person who aides, abets, influences, or encourages any child under the age of 18 years to violate any law may be charged with wrongful influence of a minor.

PREVENTION IS THE KEY

- Talk to your children about alcohol and the law.
- Be at home when your children have a party, and don't provide alcohol or allow drinking.
- Call the Grove City Division of Police if you know of underage persons consuming alcohol at (614) 277-1710.
- To report anyone selling alcohol to persons under 21, call the Columbus District Office Enforcement Division under the Department of Public Safety at 1-877-4MINORS or (614) 644-2415; or the Grove City Division of Police at (614) 277-1710.

REMEMBER: Mile for mile, teenagers are involved in three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers. Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers. Underage drinking and driving is a major contributing factor.

(Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)



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Important Phone Numbers

Non-Emergency.....(614) 277-1710

Emergency911

Crime Prevention(614) 277-1765

Anonymous Tip Line(614) 277-1808

Investigative / Narcotics Bureau.....(614)277-1750

UNRULY CHILD

For assistance to parents of a child who frequently runs away, does not attend school, and/or does not obey the rules of your home, you can find help at:

Family Assessment Center

373 S. High Street

Columbus, OH

(614) 462-4460



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